

# Disaster Relief Effort at BNL

## MYANMAR CYCLONE

### Cyclone Nargis Facts

- Cyclone Nargis swept across Myanmar on May 2 and 3
- Worst cyclone to hit Asia since 1991
- 12-foot storm surge flooded the low-lying Irrawaddy delta
- Between 1.2 million and 1.9 million struggling to survive, says UN
- Official death toll now at 31,938, with estimates topping 100,000
- UN says critical needs include shelter materials, water purification tablets and food

BSA will generously match the BNL employee donations up to \$25,000 as specified in the May 19<sup>th</sup> Monday Memo and the May 23<sup>rd</sup> BNL Bulletin. BNLers wishing to donate may do so following any of the 4 options listed below:

**OPTION #1** - You can go online and make a contribution to **Unicef** or **Mercy Corps**. Please forward your electronic confirmation or receipt via e-mail to Lihua Zhang, [lhzhang@bnl.gov](mailto:lhzhang@bnl.gov) or lab mail to Bldg 735, so BSA can match the contribution.

- To donate to the victims of the China Earthquake through Unicef, go to <http://www.unicefusa.org/news/releases/unicef-assists-post.html>.
- To donate to Myanmar victims, go to <http://www.unicefusa.org/news/news-from-the-field/calm-storm-minds.html>.
- To make an online donation for either disaster through Mercy Corps, see [www.mercycorps.org](http://www.mercycorps.org).

## CHINA EARTHQUAKE

### Sichuan Earthquake Facts

- More than 67,000 dead
- Nearly 21,000 still missing
- More than 436,000 homes have collapsed
- At least 362,000 injured
- About five million homeless

**OPTION #2** - If you prefer, you may send a check, made payable to BSA, directly to Lihua Zhang at Bldg. 735. You may note which organization and which disaster you wish to donate to. Zhang will deposit the checks into a special BSA account, and matching contributions will then be forwarded to the selected organizations.

**OPTION #3** - BNLers may also donate to other relief organizations online and forward the receipt to Lihua Zhang at Bldg. 735 for BSA matching.

**OPTION #4** - Join us at one or all of the many relief fundraisers organized by various groups at BNL (see list below).

Donations will be collected **through June 13**, and all contribution amounts will be kept confidential. For further information, please contact Lihua Zhang at [lhzhang@bnl.gov](mailto:lhzhang@bnl.gov), Ext. 3512, or Beth Lin at [bylin@bnl.gov](mailto:bylin@bnl.gov), Ext. 3372.

### Events for Disaster Relief

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| Thursday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Car Wash</b> - by the BVA & Motorcycle Club<br>Bldg. 599 - Fire House, 11 - 1pm, \$5 minimum  |
| Friday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>TGIF Dance Social</b> - by the SCC*<br>Brookhaven Center, 7 - 11:30pm, \$15pp (includes cold buffet dinner)                                     |
| Saturday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>"Project Floyd" concert</b> - by the BNLMC*<br>Berkner Hall Auditorium, 8pm, \$15 or \$17 at door   |
| Thursday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Family Movie (Bride and Prejudice) Night with Snacks</b> by the IAA<br>at Berkner Hall 5:30pm, \$5 per person                                   |
| Saturday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>"BNL Cultural Concert"</b> - by multiple BNL & community groups*<br>Berkner Hall Auditorium, 7 - 9pm, \$12/15 at door, \$30/37 at door (family) |
| Thursday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>International Lunch</b> - by ESOL, APAA, CSSA, & IAA<br>Recreation Hall, 12 - 1:30pm, \$15pp  |

Also, please visit the **CSSA poster sessions** at the Berkner Hall lobby from 11:30 - 1:30pm on the following dates: May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sponsoring organizations include the following BERA clubs:

Chinese Students & Scholars Association (CSSA)  
Indo-American Association (IAA) & Yoga Club  
Social & Cultural Club (SCC)

Asian Pacific American Association (APAA)  
Brookhaven Veterans Association (BVA)  
plus: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

BNL Music Club (BNLMC)  
BNL Cyclotrons Motorcycle Club

*\*Open to the Public Event - all net proceeds donated to the BNL fund total that will be matched up to \$25,000 by BSA.  
Visitors to the Lab of 16 and older must carry a photo ID.*